as discovered by NTPC for supply of gas by Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) to its Kawas and Ghandhar Expansion Projects for a period of 17 years through a transparent bidding process in 2004.

Special Purpose Vehicle for transmission lines

2258. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) by when Government are planning to set up a Special Purpose Vehicle for transmission lines identified by private sector;

(b) whether the Ministry has also written to Power Finance Corporation of India to work out the modalities;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether against the target of Rs. 9,000 crore private capital investment in the transmission segment during the Tenth Five Year Plan, only Rs.1,200 crore has been achieved;

(e) if so, the reasons behind this and how the SPV would help to increase the private investment in this sector;

(f) the target set for the Eleventh Five Year Plan; and

(g) in what manner Government are planning to achieve this, apart from SPV?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) Three Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) have been set up by the Power Finance Corporation (PFC) and Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) for identified transmission lines to be executed through Tariff-Based Competitive Bidding.

The SPVs are as follows:

1. Bokaro-Kodarma-Maithon Transmission Company Limited (PFC)
2. East-North Interconnection Company Limited (PFC)
3. REC Transmission Projects Company Ltd. (REC)

The Standard Bid Documents, under the Tariff Based Competitive Bidding Guidelines for Transmission Service, are being finalized in consultation with PFC.

(d) Against a target of Rs.9100 crore from the private sector and an amount of Rs.1612 crore was achieved.

(e) The reasons/details are given in the Statement (*See* below).

The SPVs have been entrusted with the responsibility of preparing Project Profiles, obtaining necessary clearances etc. This would facilitate private developers participating in transmission.

(f) Out of a total of Rs.75,000 crore investment envisaged in transmission sector during Eleventh Plan, about Rs.20,000 crore is envisaged through the private sector.

(g) Private Sector investment in transmission is also sought to be encouraged through the entry of Generating Companies in building their dedicated transmission lines; Joint Ventures with the Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. for transmission lines where majority equity is brought in by the private developer and through the competitive bidding route under the direction of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC).

Statement

Details regarding private capital investment in the transmission segment during the Tenth Plan

Sl. No.	Scheme	Estimated cost (Rs. crores) as in the beginning of Tenth Plan	Facts	Estimated cost of scheme which materialized through private sector participation in Tenth Plan
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Tala Transmission System (line part)	1200	Tala transmission (line part) was taken up through Joint Venture (JV) route and the scheme has been executed through Powerlinks a JV of Tata Power (51 %) and Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL) (49%).	1612
2.	Bina-Nagda-Dehgam 400 kV line	400	Bina-Nagda-Dehgam 400 kV D/C line project taken up through Independent Private Transmission Company (ITPC) route did not materialize through private sector due to poor response, high quoted transmission cost and therefore PGCIL has taken up and completed the scheme as decided by Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC).	–
3.	ATS for Kahalgaon-II, Barh and North Karanpura	3000	The generation project in Eastern Region *viz.* Kahalgaon Extension stage-II Barh and North Karanpura were targeted within Tenth Plan	–

1	2	3	4	5
			and part of the transmission system for these projects was envisaged to be developed through private sector participation and covered in the Tenth Plan programme. Subsequently, Barh and North Karanpura slipped from Tenth Plan and were rescheduled for commissioning in Eleventh Plan programme. The transmission system had to be revised and Associated Transmission System (ATS) for Kahalgaon-II and ATS for Barh was taken up by PGCIL. ATS for Kahalgaon-II is nearing completion and Associated Transmission System (ATS) for Barh is under construction. Associated Transmission System (ATS) for North Karanpura which is now a Eleventh Plan scheme is proposed through private sector participation in transmission.	
4.	Associated Transmission System for Hirma Thermal Power Station (TSP)	4500	Hirma generation project could not take off and the scheme has since been dropped. Accordingly, the transmission scheme Associated Transmission System (ATS) for Hirma has also been dropped.	

Utilization of World Bank loan by PGCIL

2259. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has approved any loan to the Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL), to strengthen the transmission system;

(b) if so, the amount to be utilized in each State/U.T.;

(c) whether Government have drawn up any contingency plan to utilize the amount adequately, especially in Andhra Pradesh;